

## Faculty committee raises concerns about effectiveness of NFO program

An ad hoc committee of the Gallaudet Faculty Senate charged with studying the University's New Faculty Orientation (NFO) summer program reported Dec. 18 that it has a number of concerns with the program, particularly in the area of communication.

Dr. Robert C. Johnson, a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and a member of the committee, said that there is rising criticism that new faculty are not communicating effectively when classes begin in the fall, and he called on the full senate to address the problem.

Johnson said that in the ad hoc committee's interviews with new faculty, many stated that instructors in the program, which is offered through the Department of Sign Communication, were placing a high emphasis on American Sign Language and de-emphasizing Simultaneous Communication and fingerspelling. He said that one new faculty member reported that an instructor wore a lapel button in front of his class that showed the acronym "SEE" (Signing Exact English)

with a slash through it.

"The attitude [of the instructor] was clear, and that kind of political attitude doesn't have a place in that kind of program," Johnson said. He added that the subcommittee "is concerned that the politics of ASL is taking emphasis over the main objective [of the program], which is to teach communication effectively.

"It's a very sensitive issue, obviously," Johnson said, adding that it is the subcommittee's opinion "that the [NFO] program is not succeeding." He called on the senate to work toward bringing the NFO program in line with the University Faculty's communication policy.

Mark Weinberg, chairman of Committee A (Faculty Welfare), said it was his personal opinion that the emphasis on ASL was not the root of the problem with the NFO program, but that lack of practice time during the course, and the need to improve sign instruction, could be the main causes.

Senate Chairman William Marshall said that the issue will be taken up again by the senate this month.

## Theatre Arts chairman responds to criticism leveled by actress

Criticism from Gallaudet alumnus and renowned actress Julianna Fjeld that Gallaudet theater is lacking in creativity and in its offerings to theater majors, and comments that the Department of Theatre Arts does not cooperate with other media arts-related departments on campus or get adequate support from the University, left theater personnel "surprised" and students "puzzled," according to Dr. William Moses, department chairman.

Fjeld's charges were based on a lack of information, Moses said in response to her remarks given at a Dec. 4 Alumnus Lecture Series presentation in Elstad Auditorium, which were published in *On The Green* Dec. 11.

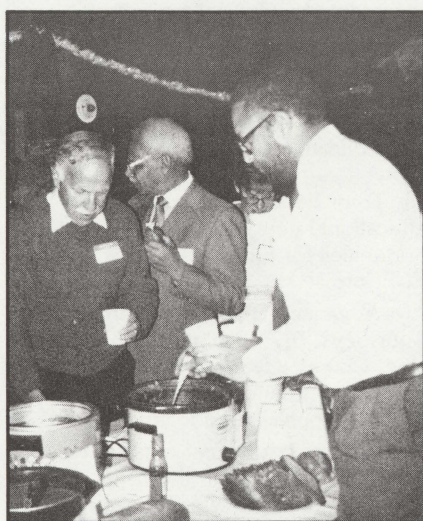
"Julianna and I met [Dec. 5] for about two hours and discussed her concerns and what the theater department has been doing. What became clear is that she was responding to information she had that was erroneous," said Moses. At the conclusion of the meeting, Moses said that Fjeld "was concerned and apologetic that the information she had was not accurate, and that her desire [in leveling criticism at the department] was to provide new ideas and encourage leadership in the theater department and to open new doors.

"I think we do that," Moses said. "In the past 10 years we've produced 10 new plays, which for a school and a department the size of ours, and with the produc-

tion schedule we have, I feel is a lot.

"We've explored new ways to reach an audience that is becoming more complex—audiences made up of deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people; people who sign and don't sign; people who want to know every word of a script and people who want only ASL on stage; people who want voice-overs on stage and people who want sign only on stage. We have experimented with ways of addressing

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Gallaudet volunteers, who give more than 800 hours of service each month, gather for a holiday celebration before Winter Break.



Are more scenes like this in the stars for us this winter? One Gallaudet employee says 'no way!' Read on for more faculty/staff predictions...

## What lies ahead for us in 1990? Campus employees make predictions

What surprises are in store during 1990, the first year of a new decade?

The *On The Green* staff interviewed members of the Gallaudet community at random and asked them to do a little crystal ball gazing and predict what the future holds for 1990. Who knows, maybe one of these prophets could become known as Gallaudet's answer to Nostradamus.

Here, then, are what some faculty and staff have to say about the new year:

- Tim McCarty, Director of MSSD's Performing Arts Department: "I will play golf at the birthplace of the game in St. Andrews, Scotland, this May. It will fulfill a lifelong dream."

- McCarty said that if his department gets the money, MSSD's cast of "Road Show" will perform at St. Andrews College this spring. And for McCarty, who is infamous for sneaking out to the links every chance he gets (just ask his wife), the casual comment from the St. Andrews folks that the legendary course is "right outside the window" has raised some high hopes. Good luck, Tim!

- Kayt Lewis, coordinator, Employee Development and Relations, Department of Administrative and Community Services: "Manuel Noriega will replace Dan Quayle as vice president." She added that "if Tim McCarty goes to Scotland, it'll probably rain!"

- Robert C. Johnson, research editor, Gallaudet Research Institute: "An early retirement community for signing impaired faculty and staff at Gallaudet will be constructed during 1990 in some relaxing environment in Northern Virginia."

- Linda McCarty, MSSD social studies teacher: "Although the nation-

alistic spirit in Eastern Europe will become more positive because of changing political attitudes, there will be an increase in economic unrest because of the unstable political situation. In the United States, legislation will be passed upholding First Amendment rights for FAX machine users."

- Hans-Dieter Baumert, MSSD social studies teacher: "ASL will be the controversial issue on the entire Gallaudet campus. It is my feeling that ASL will prevail over anything else in relation to communication."

- Loretta Weaver, administrative secretary, Physical Plant Administration: "We're going to have good weather. We're not going to get any more snow—we've had enough already!"

- Dr. Kenneth Epstein, dean, School of Preparatory Studies: "Communication will remain a hot issue on campus." And on a lighter note, "The '49ers will win the Super Bowl!"

- Malcolm Grossinger, assistant director of alumni giving in the Development Office: "There will be a big increase in federal appropriations to the University for FY 1991 so that our University can provide better services and quality programs for the deaf population all over the country."

- Manuel Jones, supervisor, Custodial Services, Physical Plant Department: "I would like to see better communication and cooperation and more love between fellow employees for 1990."

- Hillel Goldberg, director, University Center: "I feel that the world will never be at peace in '90. I think that the old hard-line people in different countries will cause problems. There might be

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## Jackson dies

Elizabeth Jackson, a familiar face in the Kendall cafeteria for many years, died last Wednesday, Jan. 3, after she collapsed at work.

Jackson worked for 19 years at KDES, most of them as dining room supervisor. Her son Vernon, youngest of her 11 children, is deaf and was a student at Kendall when she came to work there.

According to her supervisor, KDES Assistant Principal Al Couthen, Jackson, who was 60, was in a food service meeting with Couthen, Chuck Mann of Buisness Services, and DAKA personnel when she collapsed. She was carried by ambulance to Capitol Hill Hospital, where she died two hours later without regaining consciousness.

"She was a dedicated worker and well liked by students and staff," said Couthen. "She always decorated things in the cafeteria, which made the dining room lovely." Jackson was the subject of a feature article in the fall 1988 issue of *Preview* magazine.

She was also a founding member of Parents for Deafpride, a group that began in 1972 and is now incorporated within Deafpride Inc.



Elizabeth Jackson

## Moses defends theater program

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this very complex theatrical setting."

Fjeld had also expressed concern that she is seeing fewer Gallaudet graduates in the entertainment industry and said that the University should expand its offerings to include new courses in playwriting and teaching creative drama.

"Those [majors] have been going on here for close to a decade," Moses said. He added, "To judge Gallaudet [theater's] success primarily on whether or not there are new deaf actors and actresses in Hollywood is a limited view of what our theater does. For the deaf people who are in Hollywood, it has taken them a lot of time and effort to get there. With the exception of Marlee Matlin and Terrylen Theriot, no one has been an overnight success."

Moses pointed to the recognition that Gallaudet productions and their actors have received over the years as ample evidence of the department's success. For example, Gallaudet has received more than 20 awards from the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF), and twice the ACTF named the University's productions as national finalists. Last year, "Telling Stories," a nonverbal theater production, won awards at the International Pantomima Festival for the Deaf in Brno, Czechoslovakia. This year, the department has been asked to perform in Moscow in May and Great Britain in August.

Finally, Fjeld's call for the department to interact with other entertainment areas on campus, such as TV, Film, and Photography, and for more support of the theater, both financially and morally, by the University's administration, left Moses and others "dumbfounded," he said.

"The fact of the matter is that we have been cooperating on production work [with TV, Film, and Photography], exchanging ideas and interchanging personnel," Moses said. And Gil [Eastman, former chairman of the Theatre Arts Department and currently a professor there] hosts "Deaf Mosaic" [the award winning Gallaudet television show]. The department also receives the support of the University, he said.

Moses reiterated that after their meeting, Fjeld "realized that she came in with a very incomplete picture of what we are doing. I was able to hear her concerns, and she was able to understand my pride in the accomplishments of the department and its students."

## Faculty, staff predict the year's events

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killing, and people may want to remove [new leaders] from office."

• Joyce Jackson, secretary, Physical Education, Communication, and Mathematics Departments, Northwest Campus: "I predict that I'll make my first million in 1990. I don't know how; maybe someone will leave me an inheritance. That's the only way I'd make it."

• Maria Waters, chairwoman, Physical Education and Recreation, Northwest Campus: "I predict that my husband's sporting goods store will be listed in *Fortune 500* magazine."

• George Roundtree, police officer, Department of Safety and Security, Northwest Campus: "As far as Gallaudet is concerned, I think we're all looking forward to bigger and better things ahead. For me, I'm looking forward to my son graduating from high school in 1990. One of my priorities is to enhance my bilingual skills. Another is to maintain financial stability in my life. If I can do that, I'll be happy."

• Ernie Hoffmann, building supervisor, Alumni House: "I've never really thought about it. Just another year older, I guess."

• Patricia Thompson, administrative secretary, President's Office: "I'm waiting for these seven digits to appear in my dreams; then I'm going to play them and win the million dollar lottery. I'm serious. I've never even played the lottery, but I'm expecting that these numbers are going to dot in front of my eyes in my sleep, and I'm going to win!"

• Lynne McConnell, writer, Department of Publications and Production: "I hope that in 1990 staff will be allowed to choose whether to take the week after Christmas off or take a week off during spring break when the weather is nicer, the airports and roads aren't jammed, and you don't have family obligations."

• Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, assistant professor, Department of Business Administration: "One of our business graduates will become an executive at a Fortune 500 industry and a Gallaudet football player will be on the first string of an NFL team."

## Technology courses offered

Faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate students can participate in two special topics courses offered by the Department of Educational Technology this coming spring semester.

Employees who have a master's degree or beyond and who are interested in the newer technologies being used in instruction can sign up for either of the following courses:

• Educational Uses of Computer Networking, Mondays, 6-8:45 p.m., Dr. Trent Batson. Covers issues in educational networking and offers opportunities for imaginative uses of the ENFI project.

• Advanced BASIC Programming, Thursdays, 5-7:45 p.m., Dr. Curt Robbins. Covers advanced use of Applesoft BASIC commands for use in programming computer-based instruction.

Interested people can register for these courses through the usual graduate registration process. For more information, contact the instructors or Dr. Ronald Nomeland in Fowler Hall, Room 407, x5535.

It should be noted that Sutcliffe has an inside track on one of his predictions. He said that Bison quarterback James Segalia is being recruited by the Indianapolis Colts, as well as pro teams in the Canadian and European leagues.

• Jack Gannon, special assistant to the President: "Gallaudet will hire an outstanding, popular provost who will assist us and President Jordan in our quest for excellence."

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Jan. 12, will appear in the Jan. 22 issue. Because of the Martin Luther King Holiday, *On the Green* will not be published Jan. 15.

**FOR SALE:** Ceiling fan light, gold finish, new, \$20; 6-ft. unfinished wood curtain rod w/rings, brackets, pole ends, new, \$25; unopened roll floral print wallpaper, 70 sq. ft., \$25; box of baseboards, new, 30 pieces, \$50; 2 42-inch ceiling fans, \$30/each; 16,800 BTU kerosene heater, \$75; 2 unused rolls wall insulation, \$12/each; Holmes humidifier, \$25. Call 490-4784 (V/TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share 3-BR, 2-bath condo w/patio in Arlington, Va., w/pool, tennis, basketball, softball park/picnic area; walk to P.O., grocery, shopping, restaurants; 5-min. drive to Natl. Airport; 10-15-min. drive to Kendall Green; bus at corner goes to nearby Pentagon Metro; avail. immediately; \$325/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call Del, x5068 or 998-0470 (TDD) eves.

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**WANTED:** Someone to interpret Sunday mornings from 11 a.m.-noon at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, Md., on New Hampshire Ave., just north of Beltway. Contact John Christiansen, x5160, 927-2394 (V/TDD), or E-Mail JBCHRISTIAN.

**WANTED:** 2 nonsmoking females to share 2-BR, 2-Bath apt. in Chevy Chase, Md., near Wisconsin Ave., 1400 sq. ft., W/D, DW, disposal, balcony, 24-hr. desk in lobby, partly furn., has phone and doorbell signals, pool, exercise room, Friendship Heights shuttle bus in front of bldg. to Chevy Chase Center, 20-25 min. drive to Gallaudet, few blocks to Friendship Heights Metro, avail. Feb., \$435/mo./person inc. util. and parking. Call Jaime Seltzer, 657-9000, x238 (V/TDD), 9:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m., or 982-2336 (V/TDD) after 7 p.m.

**WANTED:** Quiet, nonsmoking female for private semi-furn. BR to share kitchen and bath in furn. apt. w/female professional, 10-min. walk to Bethesda Metro, walk to library, grocery, P.O., shopping areas, restaurants, near hospital, avail. now, \$300/mo. inc. util. Call 492-7160 (TDD) days.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

TEACHER'S AIDE: KDES Preschool

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## Announcements

For members of the Gallaudet community who knew Ellory Signori, a Gallaudet honor student who died Dec. 9, and feel the need for a support group to help cope with his death, there is a resource available to both deaf and hearing people: the Suicide Prevention Center, 9300 Annapolis Rd., Suite #202, Lanham, MD 20706, 731-0004 (V), 577-0577 (TDD).

The next volunteer day for the Gallaudet community at Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program serving homeless people, is Monday, Jan. 22. The program is housed at Western Presbyterian Church at 1906 H St. NW, near the George Washington University campus and the World Bank. Carpools will leave from behind West Office Building promptly at 6 a.m. Anyone who is interested in volunteering can call Barbara White at x5160 (V/TDD). If enough interest is expressed on a continuing basis by the community, every fourth Monday will be Gallaudet volunteer day for the meal program.



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